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M.:W.:Fr.BROWN and the TEMPLE OF THE ROSY CROSS.

The Triple Order of the Rosy Cross of which Fr. Brown was Grand Master at the time of his transition, consists of ^{the} Order, Temple and the Hierarchy of Eulis. This legitimate branch of the Rosicrucian Fraternity was founded in the 60's by Paschal Beverly Randolph, who was born in New York City, Oct. 8, 1825. It was organized in New England and later bodies were established in the South and West. Dr. Randolph received his initiation at the hands of Count A. De Gianotti, of the Hungarian body. Dr. Randolph passed to the Higher Life from his home in Toledo, O., July 29th, 1875 and is survived by his second wife, Mrs Kate C. Randolph.

stet Prior to his passing, Dr. Randolph designated as his successor in supreme authority, according to the usual custom of the Fraternity, Mr. Freeman B. Dowd, known esoterically as "Rosicrucian" and who carried on most worthily, the work Dr. Randolph had instituted. Fr. Dowd passed to the Higher Life from his home at Rogers, Ark, Nov. 1st, 1910, survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucy L. Dowd.

Previously, Fr. Dowd had designated Fr. Edward H. Brown as his successor, making him Grand Master in 1907. Fr. Brown had been admitted to the Order in June, 1899 at the age of 30. We can certify to the correctness of the succession for we have in our archives photographic fac-similes of the original letters from both Dr. Randolph and Fr. Dowd.

On August 14th and 15th, 1918, a Concordat between the Temple of the Rosy Cross and the Societas Rosicruciana In America, was signed by M.:W.: Edward H. Brown and the Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana In America, carrying full mutual recognition of the respective bodies, which decree still continues in full effect.

We have not as yet received official notification as to Fr. Brown's successor in the work, altho we understand that he is to be succeeded by his son. Frater Brown's life was the more noteworthy in view of the many obstacles he had to contend with and overcome, but the writer can testify that the correspondence with him covering several years extent, is sufficient evidence of his adherence to the true principles of the Fraternity at large and will prove a powerful stimulus to those who shall "carry on" to maintain the high standard set by this genuine Rosicrucian and one worthy of the name.

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